

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 1174 - HB 1493**

March 28, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires Class 1 railroads to install railroad crossing markers at any unmarked railroad crossing, where there are regularly scheduled trains and 100 or more vehicles cross daily and it is also a regular school bus crossing, and/or upon the order of the commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee. The crossing markers must be equipped with automatic flashing signals and a bell on either side of the tracks along such street, road or highway crossing such tracks, in such a manner that approaching motorists, riders or pedestrians may be warned of the hazard and alerted to watch for an oncoming train or engine. Requires Class 1 railroad companies to comply by July 1, 2006, or in the event of a commissioner's order 6 months from the time of an order of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee. Companies that are not in compliance at the end of the period would be required to operate the trains no faster than 25 miles per hour within 1 mile in each direction of such crossing and shall continue until the devices are installed and fully operational. Also provides that any railroad company failing to comply with the requirements of installation at crossings are subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for each day of continued violation.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues - Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes the following:

- Any increase in state revenues from the levying and collection of civil penalties for violations of the provisions of this bill will not be significant.
- Any increase in expenditures associated with the investigation of violations of the provisions of this bill will not be significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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